

*Appropriations funding will bring cutting edge green technology training, public safety funding to Kankakee*

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Working to bring green jobs and safer neighborhoods to Kankakee County, Rep. Debbie Halvorson (IL-11) requested and secured **\$400,000 for Kankakee Community College**

and

**\$325,000 for the Kankakee County Sherriff's Office**

in the

*Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010*

, H.R. 3288, which provides funding for a number of agencies and projects that help people throughout the 11

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District.

“Listening to our neighbors here in Kankakee, I understand that people are looking for ways to get our economy back on track and make our communities better places to live,” said Halvorson.

“The legislation we passed will provide funding for people to train for cutting-edge green jobs, and provide our first responders the resources they need to keep our families safe.”

Within the bill, Halvorson secured **\$400,000 for Kankakee Community College's Renewable Energy Training Laboratories**, which provides hands-on training in solar photovoltaic, solar thermal, and wind energy technologies to implement a new program for green job training.

Halvorson also delivered **\$325,000 for the Kankakee County Sheriff's Office** to help law enforcement officials operate more effectively and efficiently through updating technology in the Sherriff's Department, making our communities safer and more secure.

“Promoting green job training and clean energy technology is a big priority of mine in Congress,

and I'm proud to have worked with Kankakee Community College to secure this funding, and help the Sherriff's office update their equipment" said Halvorson.

"We are excited about the support from Congresswoman Halvorson's office for the funding. This support will continue to help Kankakee Community College be a leader in the State for renewable energy education and training. More importantly, our students will be able to learn the skills that will be needed for green jobs in the immediate and distant future," said Kankakee Community College President John Avendano.

"We are excited that Congresswoman Halvorson was able to secure this funding to update technology in the Sheriff's Department," said Kankakee County Sheriff Timothy Bukowski. "This automated ticketing system will allow officers to write tickets in a way that is safer for the officer and will allow tickets to be written in a more accurate manner. We are also excited to share this technology with other departments across Kankakee County."

H.R. 3288 passed the Senate over the weekend and was signed by the President.

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